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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S INTENT
TO ENTER INTO A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH QUESTA
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, LLC, FOR AIR QUALITY REVIEW
SERVICES**

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) intends to enter into a sole source agreement with Questa Environmental Consulting, LLC, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 for air quality review services. There will be no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.

Air pollution, especially particle pollution near freeways, has increasingly been identified as a serious health risk to nearby citizens. These recently recognized hazards have resulted in an urgent need for public health agencies to improve their expertise on the impact of siting sensitive land uses, such as schools, residential developments, and health care facilities, near major air pollution sources. DPH staff currently lack this expertise. Mr. Ian MacMillan of Questa Environmental Consulting, LLC will provide the necessary air quality expertise in health risk assessments associated with the development of ports, power plants, freeways, and other projects with the potential to impact public health.

A key factor in the decision to request a sole source agreement is that these environmental reviews are highly complex, involving the collection and interpretation of data, the characterization of pollution levels, and the calculation of public health risk. Mr. MacMillan has conducted these reviews for the Los Angeles Unified School District and has specific experience in cases similar in size and complexity to those DPH is currently being requested to review.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know or you may contact Angelo J. Bellomo, Director of Environmental Health, at (626) 430-5100.

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